

and that was my reason for referring him to Dr. Nutter, who has taken great pains with him and the results so far are good. I met a confrère in Berlin last winter, who himself has worn such a brace for nearly two years, and three years had elapsed since he had abandoned it, and he had experienced no discomfort, incidental to the separation of his cartilage. Of course that does not say that it may not occur, yet here in this man who leads a very active life, there has been no recurrence during these three years.

J. APPLETON NUTTER, M.D.—I would not like to deny that the quickest way to be relieved of a loose semilunar cartilage is to have it excised, but many patients demand an opportunity of being cured without taking the risk of operation, and I think in these cases this brace is indicated. A number of cases have been reported cured by its use.

LARGE FIBROID TUMOUR OF THE UTERUS.

A. LAPTHORN SMITH, M.D., and L. C. GILDAY, M.D.—This tumour was removed two weeks ago from a woman aged 45, single, and living at St. Therese. She only noticed the condition one year ago and for the last six months it has grown so rapidly that she was never able to lie down at night. Her only symptoms were the mechanical compression. On opening there was a good deal of free fluid in the abdomen due to the obstruction to the venous circulation. As a rule when we find a large amount of fluid in the abdomen with a small tumour, it is sure to be malignant but with a large mass, the mechanical obstruction alone is responsible for the production of the fluid. The patient has made a very rapid recovery. The tumour weighed thirty pounds. This is the second largest tumour which I have seen.

THE SPIROCHÆTE PALLIDA: ITS RELATION TO SYPHILIS.

(Illustrated by pathological specimens).

R. P. CAMPBELL, M.D.—

THE BIOLOGICAL POSITION OF THE SPIROCHÆTE.

JOHN L. TODD, M.D.—

SPIROCHÆTE CONCERNED IN THE CAUSATION OF RELAPSING FEVERS.

C. W. DUVAL, M.D., and J. L. TODD, M.D.—

J. G. ADAMI, M.D.—We have had this evening a most interesting symposium on this subject and are to be congratulated in having brought before us so clearly by Dr. Campbell, its clinical significance in temperate climates where it is of immediate interest to us and to hear from Dr. Todd its significance in relapsing fever of the tropics, and from Dr. Duval the splendid intelligence that he has been able to get a definite culture of a spirochæte. There are a whole crowd of interesting points that have come up this evening, and first of all I should like to ask Dr. Todd about his view regarding the animal nature of these spiro-